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SUBJECT: JAPANESE NOTE CONCERNING 200 MILE BILL

1. JAPANESE CHARGE NISHIDA CALLED ON ASST. SEC. HABIB
JAN. 29 TO PRESENT BRIEF NOTE WHICH REFERRED TO 200 MILE
BILL AND REITERATED GOJ POSITION THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD
REFRAIN FROM UNILATERAL ACTIONS PENDING THE LOS CONFERENCE.
NISHIDA MENTIONED THAT DURING FAREWELL CALL ON PRESIDENT
JAN. 28, AMB. YASUKAWA HAD EXPRESSED GOJ'S SERIOUS CONCERN
ABOUT UNILATERAL US DECLARATION OF 200 MILE ZONE.

2.HABIB SAID THAT ADMINISTRATION AGREED WITH GOJ POSITION
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AND HAD LOBBIED HARD FOR THAT VIEW. WHILE LESS THAN IDEAL,

SENATE VERSION WOULD ALLOW AS MANY AS THREE SESSIONS OF LOS CONFERENCE BEFORE ITS ENFORCEMENT. HE NOTED SENATOR THURMOND'S STATEMENT THAT BILL WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO PRESIDENT WITH SUCH A DELAYED ENFORCEMENT DATE.

3. NISHIDA SAID THAT ON JAN. 30 GOJ CABINET WILL FORMALLY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING THREE POINT POSITION ON 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA: 1) GOJ WILL EXTEND TERRITORIAL SEA TO 12 MILES; 2) LEGISLATION WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THIS PURPOSE; 3) GOJ WILL NOT PROCEED UNTIL MARCH LOS CONFERENCE, AT THE EARLIEST. HABIB COMMENDED MIKI'S WILLINGNESS TO DELAY

IMPLEMENTATION, MUCH AS USG INTENDED ON 200 MILE BILL, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOJ WOULD BE ABLE TO DELAY BEYOND MARCH LOS CONFERENCE IF AGREEMENT NOT REACHED BY THAT TIME.

4. NISHIDA SAID JAPANESE WISHED TO MENTION MEETING TO

PRESS. HABIB AGREED SAYING US WOULD DESCRIBE MEETING TO PRESS, IF ASKED, TAKING POSITIVE LINE THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS BELIEVE THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO RESOLVE THESE ISSUES THROUGH LOS CONFERENCE RATHER THAN BY UNILATERAL ACTIONS. KISSINGER

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